

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

WELCOME AND A NOTE TO VISITORS

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who creates us,
Redeems us,
And calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: *Most merciful God,
**We confess that we have sinned against you
And your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
When it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
When it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
To those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
And the things we have left undone.;
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
In the glory of your Son Born among us,
And reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.***

*Greeting

*P: Grace and peace from God our Creator,
from God who became one of us, Jesus Christ,
and may the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie 18

The musical score for 'Kyrie 18' is presented in two systems. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first two phrases: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -'. The second system continues with the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third phrase: 'le - i - son.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4.

Music: Jacques Boylier
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*Kyrie

1. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
2. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
3. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Glory to God

WOV #607

8
Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and peace to God's peo -

ple on earth!

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y

God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's

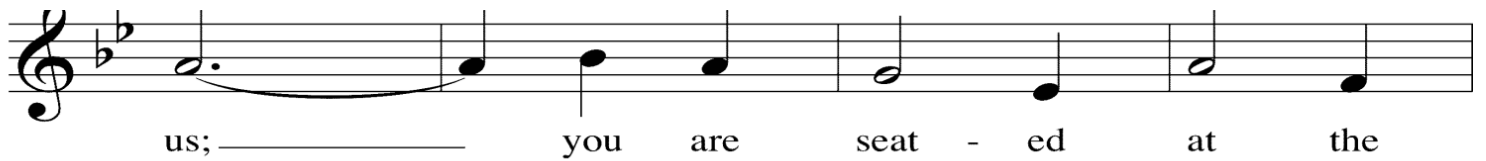
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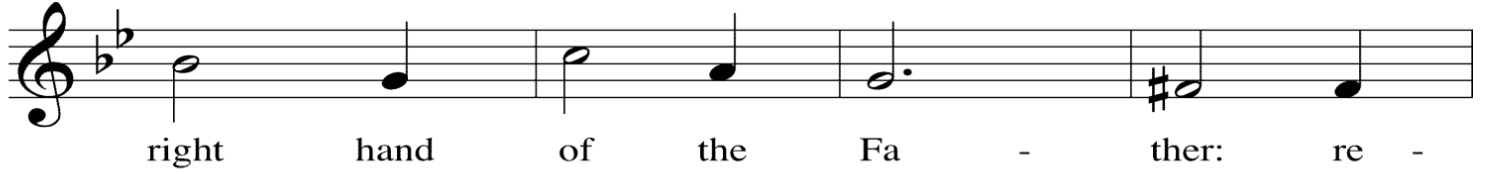
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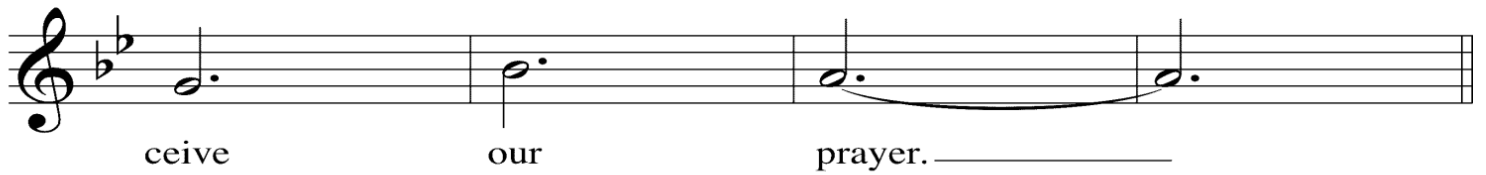
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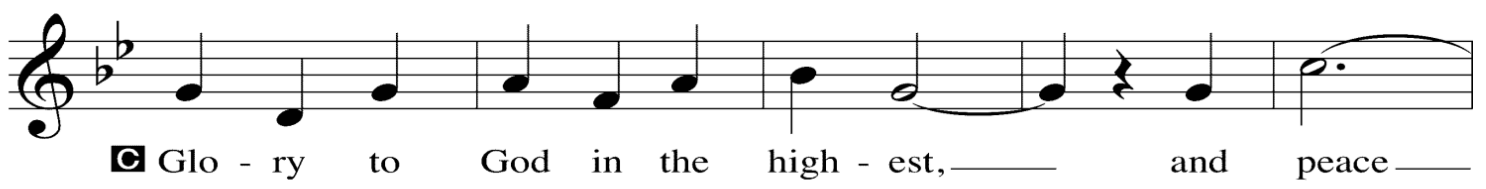
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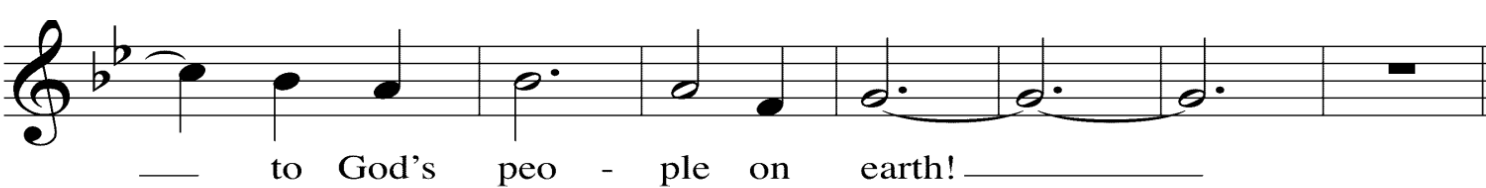
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C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ————



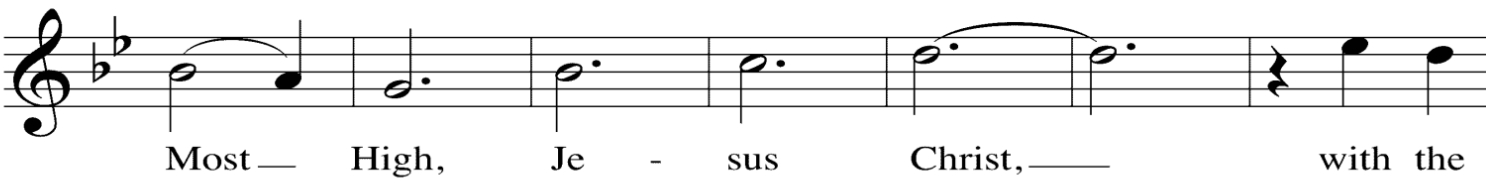
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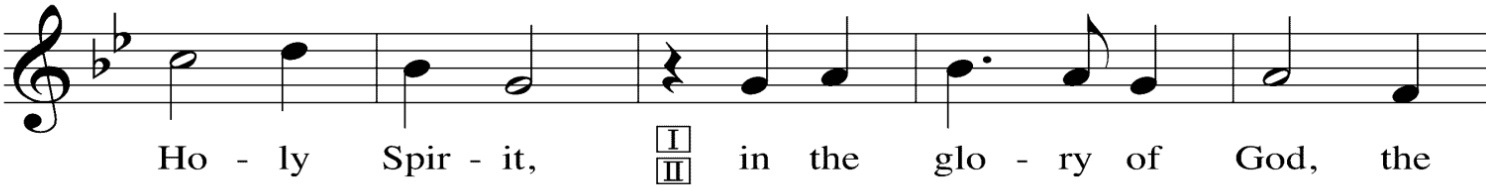
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lone are the Lord, ————— **II** you a - lone are the



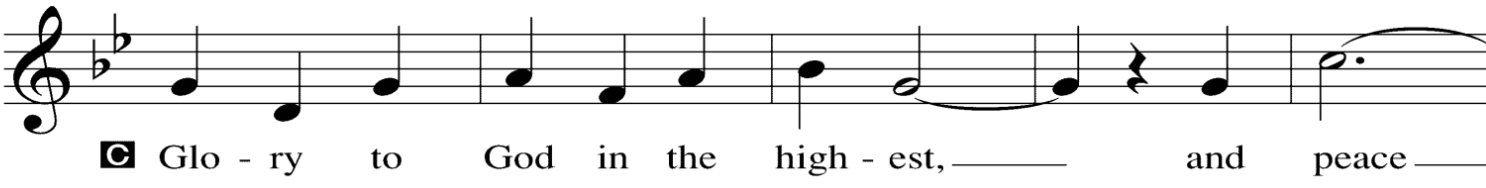
Most — High, Je - sus Christ, ————— with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, **I** in the glo - ry of God, the



Fa - ther. ————— A - men! ————— A - men! —————



C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ————



————— to God's peo - ple on earth! —————

*Prayer of the Day

Celebrate insert pg. 1

P: May God be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Let us pray... **C: (following the prayer) Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Celebrate pg. 1

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Celebrate pg. 3

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 5th Chapter
C: Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:21-37 Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“Spirit, Open My Heart” ACS #1043

REFRAIN

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that’s kind and tender.**

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

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**2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.**

**In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

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**3. May I weep with those who weep;
Share the joy of friend and neighbor.**

As I live from day to day, love will be my finest labor.

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*The Prayers of the Church

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*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The Communion Meal

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some of
the gifts with which we have been blessed.

*Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe
You offer us new beginnings
And guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
Nourish us with this heavenly food,
And prepare us to carry your love
To a hungry world,
In the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....and join their unending hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

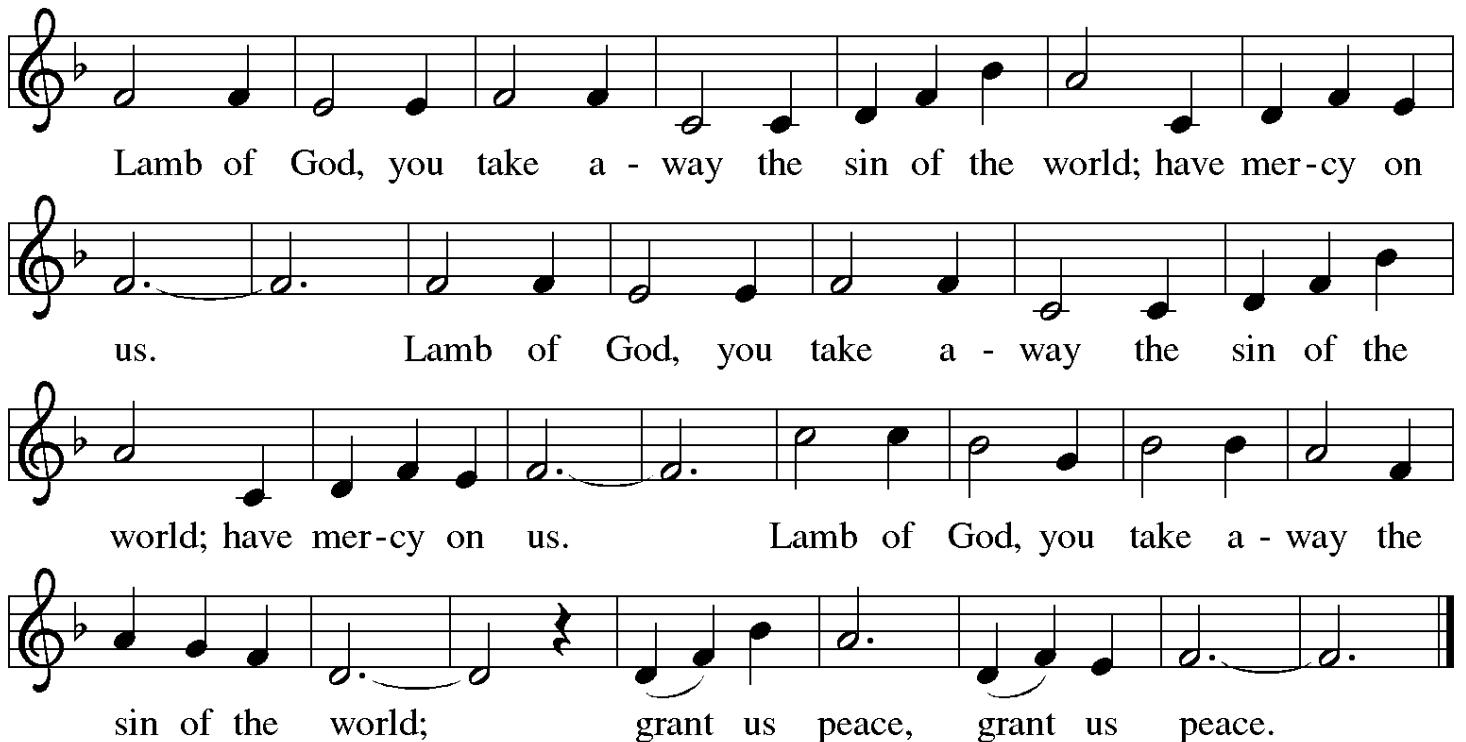
**P: Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.**

Holy Communion

Visitors: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come and receive a special blessing if they have never communed. Communion is by intinction, we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers.

#195

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“One Bread, One Body” Red #496

REFRAIN

**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man,
No more.**

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(hymn continued)

**Many the gifts,
Many the works,
One in the Lord
Of all. REFRAIN**

**Grain for the fields,
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one
For all. REFRAIN**

Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in God's grace now and forever.
C: Amen

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,
For we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
And to proclaim your favor to all,
Strengthen with the richness of your grace
In your Son, Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

The Sending

*Blessing

P: God who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
Who rejoices over you,
And who calls you by name,
† Bless your going about and your coming in,
Today and forever.
C: Amen

*Closing Hymn

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Red #612

REFRAIN

**Healer of our every ill
Light of each tomorrow
Give us peace beyond our fear
And hope beyond our sorrow**

**You who know our fears and sadness
Grace us with your peace and gladness
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts**

REFRAIN

**In the pain and joy beholding
How your grace is still unfolding
Give us all your vision, God of love**

REFRAIN

**Give us strength to love each other
Ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide**

REFRAIN

**You who know each thought and feeling
Teach us all your way of healing
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart**

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*Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Altar Flowers are given
by Barb Rice & Kent Madsen
In gratitude for the Love of God for all*



Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires
Coffee Host: Connie Cunningham

Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Joel Hurttgam, Judith Alvarado, friends in Bakersfield, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa, Family of Sandie Sanders, Craig Dahl, Family of Kurt Bell, Genell Csik, Barbara Barte, Mike Homa, Mateo, Family of Mark Cronquist, Erica Curry, Rosio, Barbara Stiles, Family of Connor Kowalski, Shiela P., Mary Smith, Paul Cunningham, Barbara Allen, Anita & Howard, Sydnei Wilbywold, Paul Paustian, Deborah Henry, Carla, Ellie, Adrian Cameron, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Kirsten Skiles, Nancy, Marisa & Isaac, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Sam, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

LONG TERM: April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Michelle, Josh, CJ, Bobbie Erickson, Lupe, Joyce, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Miller, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men and women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

Sign up to help on Sundays

It takes a lot of us to make things run smoothly during worship. Welcoming new folks & each other is our priority, so we cannot do without GREETERS. There are also spots for READERS and SET UP. Don't be shy, training is available. And let's be honest, COFFEE is always nice.

Upcoming Events:

February Benevolence Offering =
Association of Faith Communities
Rotating Shelter & Safe Spaces

- TBA Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
- Feb. 14 Church Council 6:30 pm
- Feb. 14 Embroider's Guild 7:00 pm Fireside
- Feb. 14 Scouts 7:00 pm
- Feb. 15 Women's Café Group 6:00 pm
- Feb. 16 Knitters Guild 10 am
- Feb. 16 Preschool Chapel 10:15
- Feb. 16 Bible Study 11:00 & 7:30 pm (Zoom)
- Feb. 20 Embroiders Guild 7 pm
- Feb. 21 Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
- Feb. 22 Lent begins
Ash Wednesday worship 7:15 pm
- March 1 Wed. Soupers 6:00 pm (**sign up to cook!**)
Followed by Holden Vespers at 7:15 pm

Sign up for Easter Lilies

Pastor's Office Hours Weds. & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00

Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the spirit.

Reconciling in Christ

"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."

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